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SUBJECT: BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION: IMPLEMENTATION
MEASURES

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1. FCO INFORMS THAT HMG HAS TAKEN STEPS TO IMPLEMENT BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION. RE ARTICLE II OF CONVENTION, MINISTERS HAVE MADE SEVERAL STATEMENTS LIKE "AS REGARDS BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS, SUCCESSIVE (UK) GOVERNMENTS HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE HAVE NO CAPABILITY AND NO INTENTION MF ACQUIRING ONE." (MR. MORRIS, MINISTER OF DEFENSE, EQUIPMENT; JANUARY 24. 1969). COMPILATION OF SUCH STATEMENTS IS BEING POUCHED.

2. LEGISLATIVELY, PARLIAMENT HAS ENACTED "BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS ACT OF 1974" TO MEET THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE IV OF THE CONVENTION. THE ACT IS "TO PROHIBIT THE DEVELOPMENT. PRODUCTION. ACQUISITION AND POSSESSION OF CERTAIN BIOLOGICAL AGENTS AND TOXINS AND OF BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS" AND IS DATED FEBRUARY 8, 1974. THE ACT WAS CIRCULATED TO CHIEF POLICE OFFICERS IN ENGLAND AND WALES AND WAS EXTENDED BY ORDER IN COUNCIL TO THE

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CHANNEL ISLANDS AND "THE VARIOUS OVERSEAS TERRITORIES

COVERED BY HMG'S RATIFICATION." A COPY OF THE ACT IS
ALSO BEING POUCHED TO PM/DCA.

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